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## ***THE DO-NOTHING CONGRESS??***

# **WRONG!! IT'S THE DO BIG THINGS CONGRESS**

## **A FEW OF THE MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE 109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS**

**H.R. 6, ENERGY BILL.** Brings America's energy system into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. **(Public Law)**

**H.R. 3, HIGHWAY BILL.** Creates millions of new jobs and improves freight mobility and public transportation. **(Public Law)**

**S.1932, DEFICIT REDUCTION ACT.** Provides \$39.732 billion in savings by reforming the government, reducing the deficit, and renewing our commitment to hardworking American taxpayers. **(Public Law)**

**S. 397, MANUFACTURERS LIABILITY ACT.** Provides protections for those in the manufacturing industry from lawsuits arising out of the criminal or unlawful acts of people who criminally or unlawfully misuse their products. **(Public Law)**

**H.R. 418, REAL ID.** Establishes and rapidly implements regulations for State driver's license and identification document security standards, to prevent terrorists from abusing the asylum laws of the United States, to unify terrorism-related grounds for inadmissibility and removal, and to ensure expeditious construction of the San Diego border fence. **(Public Law)**

**S. 2271, USA PATRIOT ACT.** Reauthorizes expiring provisions of the Patriot Act. **(Public Law)**

**H.R. 3045, CAFTA.** Approves the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement (DR-CAFTA). **(Public Law)**

**S. 5, CLASS ACTION REFORM.** Reforms current law related to class action lawsuits, allowing such suits to be removed to federal courts, and reducing the potential for abuse of settlement awards by attorneys. **(Public Law)**

**H.R. 314, COMBAT METH ACT.** Passed as part of the PATRIOT ACT, responds to the illegal production, distribution, and use of methamphetamine. **(Public Law)**

**WELFARE REFORM** — Part of the Deficit Reduction Act, reforms welfare by insisting programs require work and self-sufficiency in return for federal aid. **(Public Law)**

**H.R. 972, HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION ACT.** Focuses on ending sex trafficking in the U.S. **(Public Law)**

## **OTHER HOUSE-PASSED LEGISLATION:**

**H.R. 2745, UNITED NATIONS REFORM ACT.** - Mandates U.N. Budget Oversight, Inserts Accountability and Ethics into the U.N., Reforms the U.N. Commission on Human Rights, Strengthens the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), and Accountability in Peacekeeping. (House Passed)

**H.R. 5, THE HEALTH ACT.** Makes positive changes to the health care liability system. (House Passed)

**H.R. 8, DEATH TAX REPEAL.** Extends the Death Tax repeal permanently beyond 2010. (House Passed)

**H.R. 3893, THE GASOLINE BILL.** In the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, increases refinery capacity for gasoline, heating oil, diesel fuel, and jet fuel. (House Passed)

**H.R. 4096, STEALTH TAX RELIEF ACT.** Extends the increased alternative minimum tax exemption amount for individual tax payers. (House Passed)

**H.R. 4297, TAX RELIEF EXTENSION ACT.** Extends tax provisions expiring in 2005. (House Passed)

**H.R. 420, LAWSUIT ABUSE REDUCTION.** Discourages lawsuit abuse. (House Passed)

**H.R. 554, THE CHEESEBURGER BILL.** Prohibits obesity or weight gain-related claims against the food industry. (House Passed)

**H.R. 1279, THE GANG BILL.** Expands prohibitions against criminal street gang activity. (House Passed)

**H.R. 27, JOB TRAINING IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2005.** Enhances the workforce investment system of the Nation. (House Passed)

**H.R. 3132, CHILDREN'S SAFETY ACT.** Addresses the growing epidemic of violence against children. (House Passed)

**H.R. 4167, NATIONAL UNIFORMITY FOR FOOD ACT.** Provides for uniform food safety warning notification requirements. (House Passed)

**H.R. 4472, CHILDREN'S SAFETY AND VIOLENT CRIME REDUCTION ACT OF 2005.** Requires each state, territory, and federally recognized Indian tribe to maintain a sex offender registry. (House Passed)

**H.R. 1544, THE FIRST RESPONDERS ACT.** Amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to set forth provisions governing Department of Homeland Security (DHS) grant funding for first responders. (House Passed)

**H.R. 4437, BORDER PROTECTION, ANTITERRORISM, AND ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION CONTROL ACT OF 2005.** Enhances border security. (House Passed)